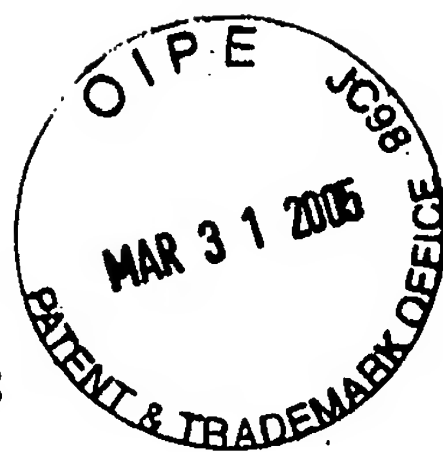


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Masahiro HORIE, et al. : Confirmation Number: 1492
Application No.: 10/652,071 : Group Art Unit: 2877
Filed: September 02, 2003 : Examiner: Roy M. Punnoose

For: APPARATUS FOR MEASURING FILM THICKNESS FORMED ON OBJECT, APPARATUS AND METHOD OF MEASURING SPECTRAL REFLECTANCE OF OBJECT, AND APPARATUS AND METHOD OF INSPECTING FOREIGN MATERIAL ON OBJECT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Noting the Office Action of March 15, 2005 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1 through 3) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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